Cancellation of normal TV Programmes

2613. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether normal T.V. programmes are cancelled/postponed whenever there is a cricket match or some other function to be telecast;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey to find out the reaction of viewers who may be disappointed at such a change;

(c) if so, the number of viewers who disapprove of such changes; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what steps Government are taking to keep in mind the views of viewers who may not be interested in cricket match/ some other function?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL): (a) Yes, Sir. However, these cancellations are resorted to only when there are important National, International sports fixtures or topical current affairs programmes/important conferences etc.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) Cancellation of normal TV programme is done only in exceptional circumstances and prior announcements are made for the benefit of viewers as advance information.

Corruption in T. V. Serials

2614. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an interview which appeared in the Hindustan Times (Magazine Section) of 24th November, 1985 under the caption 'I know how to click with Indian audience, wherein T.V. serial star Miss Swaroop Sampat has stated that there is a lot of corruption in T.V., which has grown to a large scale due to rush of serials; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to check this evil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) Yes. Sir. This report has come to the notice of the Government. However, we do not agree with the views expressed therein. At present all proposals for sponsored serials are examined by an official Committee in Doordarshan. It has now been decided that non- official outside members will also be associated with this Committee.

Fish production in Tamil Nadu

2615. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the production of fish and other marine products in Tamil Nadu during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether there has been any fall in fish production in Tamil Nadu this year, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any memorandum has been received by Government from the fishermen association of Rameswaram, if so what action Government have taken thereon; and

(d) whether any assistance had been provided to jobless fishermen; if so, the details thereof, and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The total fish production from marine and inland sectors in Tamil Nadu during the last three years, year-wise is given below: